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Obama Elected 44th President; Students Reflect on Election

By **BRITTANY De VRIES**
Features Editor

"Welcome aboard, ladies and gentlemen, I'm your hope captain," he said.

He put the key in the ignition of the Young Democrats white van on Election Day.

An Obama icon magnet that was attached to the van door slid aside as UMW students opened the door and took a seat.

Vice President of Young Democrats Mik Bodnar was volunteering his driving skills to take students to the polls all day Tuesday.

"It's surreal that Election Day is finally here," Bodnar said.

The Young Democrats organized van transportation to the polls for students, leaving on the dot every hour from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Junior Matthew Guckenberger, Young Democrats treasurer, emphasized the rides were for everyone, regardless of political opinions.

"Not just democrats are showing up," Guckenberger said. "We've had republicans coming, needing a ride because no other organization was doing this."

Kelly McCain, senior and College Republicans chairman, said she voted for the Republican Party via absentee ballot.

"All of the candidates in the Republican Party reflect my views toward the country," McCain said.

McCain, who stood at the polls with the other members from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, said her most important concerns were smaller government, low taxes, healthcare reform without going universal, and national security.

On the ride over to the Dorothy Hart Community Center, Precinct 2 in the Fredericksburg city district, senior Hilary Lufkin and junior Augusta Canfield conversed about voting for the first time.

"Obama, Obama!" they both yelled out when asked for whom they were voting in the election.

Canfield commented that her personal beliefs were more important than voting for one particular party.

"I don't vote necessarily because someone is a Republican or a Democrat," she said. "We need to restructure what is going on in our society."

Canfield said that she spoke to her 86-year-old grandmother earlier that day.

"She said that she has never witnessed such a heated debate. I think that gives some insight as to what is going on here," Canfield said.

Lufkin agreed.

"There is a real motivation among voters this year to get out there and vote. They really feel they can make a

difference in this election."

Lufkin traveled to Richmond over the weekend to vote in her hometown, returning Tuesday morning to Fredericksburg.

Mik Bodnar sent his absentee ballot back to California a couple of weeks ago.

"My ballot was lost in the mail for awhile. I kept calling up Dad all worried and asking if he had gotten it yet," Bodnar said.

Though the heated election had people of all ages standing in line for hours all over the country, locally the wait was much less tiresome.

"I only waited for five minutes or so," said freshman Joshua Christopher.

Christopher, surprised to find that no one was pressuring him to vote a certain way while waiting in line, referred to his first presidential vote as "wicked."

"I voted for Obama," he said. "I'm a black person, but that has nothing to do with it. I like his methods for the economy and housing. I come from a big family, so having someone thinking about family and middle income [and] having someone in office thinking about me is really important."

Junior Jana Pickart was proud to be a woman voter in her first-ever election.

"I am voting because women fought for the vote for 75 years and I'm proud to be a part of that," Pickart said.

For Pickart, the environment, the Power Vote campaign, Women's issues, the economy, and "getting us out of Iraq" were her biggest concerns.

Freshman Sjsten Siegfried chose a



Courtesy of Samantha Daniels

third party candidate when she voted because neither of the major candidates appealed to her.

"I voted Libertarian because I found both major party candidates to be a little too flip-floppy," Siegfried said.

College Republicans member and senior Elizabeth Jennings, who traveled to Northern Virginia in McLean to vote electronically with her sisters, was exhilarated by participating in her first presidential election.

"It was kind of crazy," Jennings said. "There was a huge rush that went through me that thought, this isn't a vote for a student body president. This is for real—this is the real deal."

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Faculty Explains Obama's Impact

By **KAT SAUNDERS**
News Editor

On November 4th, Barack Obama defeated John McCain and was elected the 44th president of the United States.

The popular vote was close, but Obama won by more than two to one in the Electoral College, with a final tally of 349 votes for Obama and 147 for McCain votes. 270 votes were needed to win.

In Virginia, Obama won by a narrow margin of 155,862 votes, the first time a Democratic nominee has carried the Virginia vote in over 40 years.

At midnight, Obama took the stage in Grant Park in his hometown of Chicago to give a victory speech, where he called on Americans to continue his message of change.

"That's the true genius of America: that America can change," he told a crowd of 125,000 supporters. "America, we have come so far. We have seen so much. But there is so much more to do."

Obama will be taking office on the heels of what many consider an economic crisis.

Obama has indicated that the economy will be his first priority upon taking office in January of next year. Plans on his website include eliminating taxes for senior citizens with annual incomes less than \$50,000, repealing income tax cuts for those making over \$250,000 and lifting the income gap on Social Security taxes.

The economy was one of the deciding factors for many in the election. Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology John Cross said prior to the collapse of the housing market and major drops in the stock market, a strong economy was one of the driving forces behind Sen. John McCain's campaign.

"After the economic collapse, McCain supporters were talking to [Democratic campaigners]," Cross said. "There was an opening there. I would say it

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Virginia Goes Blue

Presidential Results

Obama (D): 52%
1,792,502
McCain (R): 47%
1,637,338

U.S. Senate

Warner (D): 64%
2,189,516
Gilmore (R): 35%
1,176,351

1st Congressional District

Wittman (R): 57%
195,470
Day (D): 41%
140,065

Blue Light Phones Fail Safety Tests

By **LAUREN ORSINI**
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington blue light safety system failed last week during a test call when police were not able to identify the location of the phone and the caller.

Susan Knick, assistant vice president for Public Safety and Community Services, made the call during a safety tour of the campus last Wednesday, Oct. 29, with several other top administrators and student leaders.

Knick, who supervises campus police, told them to give up after they tried for about a minute to determine her location.

"That's too slow," Knick said. Executive Vice President Richard Hurley immediately agreed.

Knick told the dispatcher on the line that she would bring the issue up with them at a later meeting.

Student leaders said they were very concerned about the failure, in the wake of two recent assaults on opposite ends of campus: one an attempted abduction at the Battleground, the other a sexual assault in the parking deck.

"The general consensus [is] that the blue lights should be able to find out immediately where a student caller is... In an instant, anything can happen," said Ashley Davis, president of Student Senate.

Knick later said the problem happened due to human error.

"The dispatcher on duty was unable

to find the sheet which corresponds to the number location," Knick said in an e-mail. "By the time I got back to the Police Department, the dispatcher had three sets of the lists out."

"For this specific case in point, all the supervisors involved were made aware of the situation, and an immediate review of the light location roster was made with each dispatcher," she said.

Knick was unable to say if this problem had happened before.

She said that problems related to human error will be eliminated once a new computerized blue light system is set up.

"We have been working for some time on an automated system, which would link the emergency phone and light to a computerized location," she said.

Knick said that work on the new system is ongoing, and that she does not know when it will be finished or the cost.

However, technical difficulties are still a problem with the current blue light system.

According to David Sing, emergency communication and parking management supervisor, the blue lights are checked once a month and the results are logged.

"We check if each light is working, and whether the phone call connection is going through," Sing said. "Usually

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The Young Democrats drove voters to the polls from the Red Room during elections. Above, senior Mik Bodnar, junior Matt Guckenberger, junior Molly Rose, junior Natalie Weiner

Weekend Weather

Friday

Partly Cloudy
High: 72
Low: 51

Saturday

Showers
High: 65
Low: 39

Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High: 58
Low: 36

Weekly Events

NBC Stand Up for Diversity Comedy Tour:

Fri. Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
Great Hall
Admission is free,
doors open at 7:30

Featuring
comedians Michelle
Buteau, Aparna
Nancherla and Eric
Andre

"Our Town"

The box office at
Klein theatre will be
selling tickets for
the Nov. 13-23
showing of "Our
Town"

Tickets are \$4 with
UMW I.D

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Sat. Nov. 8, 7-11
p.m.

Great Hall
UMW single: \$7
couple: \$12
Non-UMW \$10
couple \$14 at the
door.

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begins at 7, dance
at 8.

Sponsored by the
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Club

Martin Luther King Jr. Oratical Contest

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the 2009 MLK Jr.
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Outside the Fence



By **HEATHER BRADY**
News Editor

Regional

Derrick Gosnell, a 25-year-old Spotsylvania County man charged last month with the attempted rape of two women working in local motels, decided on Oct. 28 to act as his own attorney during his preliminary hearings. Three out of four charges were certified to the grand jury by the general District Court judge after repeated objections to Gosnell's unconventional lines of questioning. The charges were alleged by a housekeeper at the Super 8 Motel on U.S. 1 in Spotsylvania, who testified against Gosnell as the man who forced her to perform oral sex and attacked her while she was taking the linens off of a bed in a motel room Aug. 30. (*The Free Lance-Star*, Oct. 29; www.fredericksburg.com)

National

Over the past three years, the efforts of large cities and rural towns to bring WiFi to every street corner, park bench, and doorstep have largely fallen flat as Internet service providers abandoned the projects, including those in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Arlington, Va. The goal was to bring cheap Internet access to underserved areas and low-income neighborhoods, but the projects proved to be far more expensive than expected. However, encouraged by the prospect of spurring economic development in spite of the souring economy, many municipalities decided to move forward by investing in the technology themselves. This has given police officers, building inspectors and paramedics access to their networks while working in the field, and many communities are trying to attract shops to underdeveloped areas through its availability. (*The Washington Post*, Nov. 5; www.washingtonpost.com)

Global

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Congo's government rejected a rebel leader's demand for direct talks to resolve a conflict that has left hundreds of thousands of people homeless and hungry. Government spokesperson Lambert Mende said that President Joseph Kabila's administration is "open for dialogue" with regional rebel and militia groups, but will not meet directly with rebel leader Laurent Nkunda's group. The rebels warned that the government's refusal could lead to more fighting. "If they won't negotiate with us, then they leave us little choice," rebel spokesman Bertrand Bisimwa said. (*The Washington Post*, Nov. 4; www.washingtonpost.com)

Campus Safety Walk Reveals Delays and Burned-Out Bulbs

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the only problem we find is that a bulb has burned out."

However, since blue lights are checked monthly, there is a potential 30-day gap where a blue light may not be working.

For example, one blue light unit in the UMW Apartments parking lot was not functioning for the entire month of September until police tested it on Oct. 1 during their monthly check.

According to the police report, the unit had no dial tone when it was checked on Sept. 1, and had become completely nonfunctional by early October. Police found four other blue light units that had failed during the same month.

"If any [blue lights] are found non-operational, work orders are generated for immediate correction," said Knick.

Students have had mixed experiences with the blue light system.

Senior Hannah Hammock said that her experience with the system was a positive one.

"I left my keys in Jepson and needed the police to let me back in," Hammock said. "Someone picked up on the fifth ring, and the police were there in five or six minutes."

When a *Bullet* reporter tested the blue light system at midnight Tuesday, Nov. 4, the system worked properly. Police picked up on the second ring, and identified the reporter's location, the UMW parking deck, within 41 seconds.

Senior Fenwick Gilroy, student head of the Public Safety and Student Escort Services, said that Safety Services has been trying to shorten police response time since the Safety Walk last week.

"It will be working with the dispatchers to cut down the time it takes to identify the location of the student," said Gilroy.

He said that Student Escort Services response time will also be shortened when they receive two new golf carts for use transporting students.

"When we get the golf carts, which, if they aren't here already, will be here soon, we'll be able to easily cut [our five minute response] time in half," he said.

Vice President Rick Hurley said that the administration began working on the problems found during the Safety Walk soon after the event.

"We take the information gained from the walk, discuss the identified needs, make decisions about which items we think need to be addressed, and assign them to the appropriate department to implement," Hurley said.

He also said that the money for Safety Walk repairs comes from the school's contingency fund.

Aside from the blue light failure, the Safety Walk also found 24 other safety violations on campus including a burnt out lamp next to Seacobeck and a cracked sidewalk behind Mercer, according to the Student Senate.

Knick said that repairs are already being made.

Defecation at the CCC

By **TITUS STUPPEL**
Staff Writer

Dan Marsh, resident and member of the Campus Christian Community's ministry team, found human feces and waste products including paper, strewn around the bathroom and couches Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. when he opened the building.

According to Marsh, a member of one of the groups that rents the campus center on a weekly basis was likely responsible for the mess.

The woman in question needed a place to stay that night, so Marsh opted to let her stay at the CCC.

"It was probably accidental, not malicious," said Marsh. "It appeared that she made efforts to clean up after herself."

Although she was nowhere to be found in the morning, her car remained outside the CCC for several days after.

The woman returned the following night to reenter the building. She was not able to get in, and Marsh spoke with her.

Marsh called the Fredericksburg Police Department, and two officers were sent to the scene. The officers escorted the woman to Mary Washington Hospital, where she was able to get cleaned up and was offered psychological assistance.

Located on Dandridge Street, the CCC is considered a safe haven by students, a place where anyone can go to worship together, to unwind, or to study, regardless of the time of day.

There are living quarters attached to the building so that someone is almost always guaranteed to be there after hours.

Marsh did not hesitate to allow the woman to stay, because he knows that there are very few options for those seeking immediate emergency shelter in the Fredericksburg area.

According to the *Free Lance-Star*, Micah Ecumenical Ministries' Hospitality Center, a cold weather shelter composed of eight city churches in Fredericksburg, only houses the homeless "when temperatures dip below 32 degrees in the winter."

The CCC Board met two days after the incident for their monthly meeting. It was concluded that Marsh handled the case well.

In the future, such things will still be handled on a case-by-case basis. Students are still able to take full advantage of the facilities overnight.

Official Student Senate Notes from the Safety Walk:

- Blue lights don't go directly to police, takes awhile before police arrive, police don't know where you are located
- Cracked sidewalk on path of Mercer Hall, leading to parking lot
- Gate by Sunken Road could cause problems for police and other emergency vehicles
- Alvey Drive too dark
- Stairs leading down to field not lit, need a blue light
- Need a "No right on red" sign near hospital intersection
- Lights go off as you walk by (Seacobeck and Alvey Hall)
- No lights or blue lights on woodchip path in-between Dupont Hall and Jepson Hall
- No lights on path to route one in back of Goolrick Hall
- No lights near commuter lot across from Dupont Hall
- Could cut out part of a bush, to add a blue light along College Ave, especially near Goolrick Hall and Jepson Hall.
- College Ave. not well lit, hard to see pedestrians who jay walk.
- Sand on steps to Eagle's Nest and Seacobeck very slippery
- Slate pieces under the bridged path by the Nest very slippery
- Bridge by Seacobeck needs more light and bushes need to be trimmed
- The William Street Mansion needs blue light, more lighting, and a crosswalk button
- Crosswalk lights near apartments change too quickly
- Lighting needed in back of Trinity Episcopal Church, road leads to UMW apartments
- Corner near Battlegrounds and Alumni Center needs lights
- Pot holes by exit of Marshall parking lot, clear "EXIT" and "ENTRANCE" signs needed in lot
- Bricks near Russell Hall get slippery
- Stairs near Framar Hall and Bushnell Hall are slick when wet, need lighting
- Amphitheatre path not lit, no blue lights, bricks missing, tripping hazard
- Back porch of Willard Hall, bulb burned out

Viewpoints

United We Should Stand

On Tuesday night, UMW held its breath with the rest of America to see who would be elected as the country's 44th president. Candidates spent millions of dollars on campaigning, people representing numerous political ideologies did their best to persuade others to vote for certain candidates, and hopes ran high when voter turnout across the nation was dramatically elevated.

Reactions from the results were bound to be somewhat extreme, considering the two-year length of the polarizing campaign that took over media publications and sparked debates from the very beginning.

The two candidates were both extremely gracious when televised media sources projected that Obama was the winner. John McCain's concession speech was gentlemanly, and Obama's was eloquent and serious.

However, the average citizen showed much less restraint in expressing his or her opinions about the election results. During McCain's speech, people could be heard booing at Obama.

People on Facebook were no less restrained. Every five seconds, someone new would update their profile status with an extreme statement about Obama's win and/or its subsequent effect on the nation over the next four years, regardless of whether they strongly supported or vehemently opposed him.

The Young Democrats, upon hearing the news, decided to celebrate by leading an ever-growing group of loud, rowdy UMW students on a cross-campus run while chanting various Obama cheers, such as "O-ba-ma O-ba-ma Oh!", "Yes We Can!", and simply the name "Obama!".

While everyone is entitled to an opinion, this campus, and America as a whole, should take into consideration that the democratic process has decisively spoken, and Obama will be the next president.

Public reactions to this election have been scary thus far, and if they are any indication of what is to come, then the world, or at least the United States, will remain polarized.

Petty opinions and unimportant differences will get in the way of actually implementing effective policies that could, for instance, help remedy the current economic crisis and resolve social problems plaguing our society.

We need to unite. Since the election has ended, it's important that we put aside our differences and become one nation under one flag again, ready for whatever the new leader and changing congress will do.

If we don't, we'll see a repeat of the effects from the loss of confidence in the Bush administration, including a plummeting effectiveness of the government as a whole and a negative perception of the U.S. in the eyes of the world.

In the end, it comes down to the idea that together, we will accomplish so much more than if we remain at odds with each other because of old campaign bitterness.

Let the past be the past, and strive for a new, different and rapidly approaching future.

Staff Editorial

Offshore Drilling: Not Off Our Shores

BY RYAN MARR
Assistant Entertainment Editor

At the Republican National Convention this past summer, crowds took to passionately shouting, "Drill, Baby, Drill!" in response to their party's plans for energy development over the next four years.

Sadly enough, with gas prices reaching a staggering nationwide average of \$4.11 a gallon in July, it's a sentiment that has risen dramatically even among non-partisans thanks largely to the empty rhetoric of politicians who seem to have sacrificed the future of our country at the altar of their own political careers.

On one end of the political spectrum, the McCain campaign has built a rallying point around inciting the public's belief in the absurd notion that domestic drilling will somehow directly lower prices at the pump.

And on the other hand, Barack Obama, once a fierce opponent of offshore drilling, now supports limited drilling in an effort to appease the voting public's demand for a short-term energy solution.

With the economy in shambles it's no surprise that politicians on both sides of the aisle have latched on to the salient issue of offshore drilling to exploit Americans facing poverty at the mercy of crude oil prices.

Granted, there's nothing newsworthy about slick-talking politicians spinning the facts, but the public's current blind acknowledgement of domestic offshore drilling as a short term solution to the energy crisis is unnerving to say the least.

In July, 73 percent of those surveyed in a poll by CNN listed themselves as "favoring increased offshore drilling for natural oil and gas."

Bolstered by similar polls and a growing sense of financial insecurity among Americans, the White House is finally finding support for its entirely baseless claim that, in the short term, offshore drilling will lower prices at the pump and match current American production for the next ten years.

In an attempt to legitimize their argument, the Bush administration cites 2007 statistics by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) that an estimated 18 billion barrels of oil lies untapped in banned waters.

The administration neglected to address the rest of the EIA

report, however, which stated that removing restrictions on offshore drilling would have no effect on domestic oil production until 2017, and even then, prices at the pump would drop only a few cents.

And that's not to mention inestimable damage to miles of fragile coastal ecosystems that stem from oil rigs, pipelines, petrochemical plants, and the miles of canals dug to transport petroleum.

Oil industry standards may have come a long way since the 1969 Unocal spill when three million gallons of oil blackened the beaches of Santa Barbara, California, but that doesn't guarantee that the drilling process is now safe.

In fact, according to the Minerals Management Service, a 1000 barrel oil spill is expected annually in the Gulf of Mexico for the next 40 years. Every three to four years, they say, a spill of at least 10,000 barrels can be expected.

Nevertheless, the Bush administration's call for an end to the 27-year-old moratorium on offshore drilling was answered on Sept. 16, when the House, fearful of constituent repercussions, omitted a renewal of the ban from an annual spending bill for the first time since 1981.

The ban expired Sept. 30, leaving the fate of our nation's coastal waters entirely in the hands of the next administration—a frightening thought, considering their vested interest in reelection come 2012.

However, with gas prices dropping significantly in recent weeks without any assistance from domestic oil reserves—the national average was a mere \$2.59 a gallon last Wednesday—the enthusiasm behind the

mindless maxim "drill, baby, drill!" will surely wane. America deserves a future of energy independence, and while there's no short-term miracle cure on the table quite yet, the notion that we can drill our way out of this mess is a delusion to which we can no longer afford to subscribe.

Proponents of lifting the drilling ban argue that it will weaken our dependence on oil from hostile foreign regimes, and there may be some truth to that claim.

But it's the oil—not its source—that has a stranglehold on American culture. Drilling merely pushes the inevitable challenges of a petroleum-free world onto the shoulders of future generations.

Instead, it's about time this country harnessed the fear that comes with an economic recession into a more proactive impetus for a serious shakedown of our own oil-weaned American lifestyles.



Image by Miles Dumville/Bullet
Junior Priscila Saraiva fills up at the Shell station on the corner of William Street and Kenmore Street.

I can't believe it man, the blue won this one....

Yeah....Stratego's a rough game

WHAT!?!
STRATEGOI?!?!?

Yeah....rough game

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Viewpoints

Phone Sex: More Machine Than Man

In a world with an unlimited amount of pornographic films, magazines, and toys, one outlet of sexual pleasure that has always eluded me has been phone sex.

There you are sitting with the receiver in one hand and your genitalia in the other as someone attempts to turn you on with naughty descriptions of sexual acts that they would be doing to you if you were in the room with them.

I remember once a then boyfriend attempted to slip into phone sex with me without my knowledge.

Being the terribly clueless person that I am, I found his questions and tone more creepy than sexy.

Me: "And it turned out that it was buried in the couch the whole time!"

Him: "Ha, that's so funny. So... What are you wearing?"

"Um, a tee-shirt"

"Oooh, that's hot. What else?"

"Jeans and socks."

"You're so naughty."

"Huh?"

Maybe I was just missing out on an incredibly strong sexual spark with him, one that would get me turned on from simply hearing the sultry sound of his voice.

But really I can only see phone sex as a way to make me crazier for the physical contact that I am obviously not receiving.

Even worse are those who call up random 1-800 numbers to hear the voice of some woman named Candy or Sparkle telling them about how horny they are and wanting to know how big their junk is.

Although I have never attempted the practice myself (the prices are ridiculous, ranging between two and five dollars a minute after the first ten free promotional minutes run out), I know that if I became a millionaire one day and decide to try it out I will be a horrible phone sex partner.

All I would do the whole time is wonder who this "Bunny" character really is and if she really is doing all of the naughty things she's telling me about or if

she's sitting in front of a T.V. dinner waiting for me to finish so that she can get back to her stories.

I also have a sneaking suspicion that the hot women wearing lingerie in the ads aren't the same as the woman talking to me on the phone.

An even odder form of sexual communication is sex-talk via the internet.

How on earth does someone manage to balance the act of typing with the act of touching themselves at the right moment?

Even worse is that it takes away the one and only human element you had left in phone sex: the voice, leaving you with hope that some cute girl is in fact writing back to you about how turned on she is by the idea of you typing what you are wearing.

With the human element completely taken out of the picture, I don't see the turn on in typing dirty words to

someone who could be a hairy, balding 40-year-old man with one leg who enjoys messing with people.

I suppose you could argue that romance novels and sex magazines are no better, but at least in those instances there is more of a story element involved, thus creating separation from any involvement in the person's attempt at making you horny and allowing you to go to your own place.

With instant message sex chats, it's just you and that random person pretending to get personal while all the while you are nothing more to each other than machines with words on the screen.

I guess I could understand the naughtiness and thrill involved in "meeting" but not really meeting a random stranger and having your way with them, like a mulled version of picking up a hot chick at the bar.

But if I had the choice, I would rather not get involved with some random guy through a machine. It takes away a lot of the enjoyable parts of sex.

It's like eating a fat-free, carb-free, vitamin-infused cake and then telling yourself how delicious it is and that you're so fat from eating it.

Just give me the damn cake, extra icing, hold the guilt.

Sexclamations
By KJ Adler,
Staff Writer

UMW Too Old for Trick-or-Treat?

"You've heard about fury and a woman scorned? ...well that's nothing compared to the fury of a woman who's been cheated out of tricks or treats."

Wise words from Linus Van Pelt, the blanketed prophet from "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

This sentiment rang truer than ever this Halloween. This, my junior year of college, was the first year I didn't go trick-or-treating.

Yes. Not only did I trick-or-treat all throughout high school, but also while everyone else was grinding the night away at Houston's my first two years of college, I was frolicking around College Heights dressed as the Morton Salt girl, begging for instant gratification with a peanut butter filling.

What can I say? I like free candy.

Contrary to popular lore, Virginia has no legal age limit for trick-or-treating. Anyone of any age can go door to door in costume, provided they're willing to risk some weird looks and maybe even accusations of pedophilia.

Freshman year, I actually inadvertently trick-or-treated at one of my professors' houses, only to have him announce to the entire class the next day that I prefer my Hershey's without almonds. Despite minor ridicule, I kept my head up.

This year, I came to the flawed conclusion that I'm officially "too old" to trick or treat. This semester, I am working at a daily newspaper, living in an apartment and buying clothes from Ann Taylor Loft.

My Gmail signature reads Susannah M. Clark, Reporter.

I am officially an adult.

Or so I thought.

Succumbing to the college stereotype, Friday night was spent party-hopping. As I watched my costumed peers take body shots and argue about the rules of "Kings,"

I longed for a stained pillowcase filled to the top with Twizzlers and Tootsie Pops.

While drunken Sarah Palins made out with plastered Batman characters, I sat in the corner dreaming of slightly stale Swedish Fish. I wanted Butterfingers and Smarties, not Budweiser and Smirnoff.

I made a point to go to Giant the next morning and stock up on half-priced Halloween candy. While that eased my sugar fix, I felt cheap. The candy was not earned by braving the suburban sidewalks, it was bought, just like it could be any day.

My childhood became a distant cavity; I felt trapped in an adult world of Listerine and calorie counting.

Despite her hiatus, my inner-trick-or-treater is still there. To make

up for my missed opportunity for immaturity, on Sunday I endeavored to catch a matinee showing of "High School Musical 3: Senior Year." When Disney-fied dreamboats Zac Efron and Corbin Bleu finished their epic junkyard dance-off, I high-fived the seven-year-old sitting next to me. The fountain of youth flows on.

Susannigans

By Susannah Clark,
Associate Editor



Dear Alaska:

BY BREEANNA SVEUM
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

Dear Alaska:

In the years of your statehood, the lower 48 have, in large part, ignored you. It's sad, but it's true—your politics were just never important on the national scene. We never considered you a battleground state, and everyone assumed you were red through and through. You were silent much of the time, and you didn't cause much trouble.

And then John McCain nominated Sarah Palin. Back then, we didn't know much about her because, as I said, Alaskan politics just weren't on the front of our minds. We assumed McCain appointed her because she's a woman, and we figured she'd be another typical Republican, making it harder for the Democrats to take back this election. We worried Hillary Clinton supporters would change camps because now, instead of one historic ticket against an old white guy, we had an African-American on one ticket and a woman on the other. We had a choice to make, and we thought Sarah Palin was going to make it harder.

Alaska, thank you for Sarah Palin. Without her on the Republican ticket, Tuesday's election would not have been possible.

It was like Geraldine Ferraro all over again—she jazzed the base, and then the scandals started. Except, while Ferraro's were a small question of family finances and didn't cause her to act with deceptive intent, Sarah Palin's scandals, well...

It started with "Troopergate." Investigations were opened. Reports were filed. The first finding showed Palin's ethics violations, and the second declared her exonerated. But the question still lingered.

And then there were other questions. How much did Sarah Palin spend on clothing and hair styles, and who exactly paid for it? What exactly happened with the building of her house? Why wouldn't she release her medical records?

And they were all valid questions. Was Sarah Palin just unqualified to run the country if need be, as 60 percent of Americans agreed according to exit polls, or was she actively manipulating the finances of Alaska and the country

for her own gain? And what exactly was she hiding in her medical records—something that would prevent her from leading or something that reveals her as a hypocrite?

We appreciate the boost she gave to Obama's campaign, but the fight isn't over yet. The questions are still unanswered.

We're counting on you to give us the answers, Alaska.

You gave her to us for this election, and we're considering you responsible for her. This is unquestionably a woman of great ambition, and if she is considering another run in national politics any time soon, we need to know the answers.

Ted Stevens is another politician you've given us, Alaska. You let him serve in the Senate for six terms, allowed him to become the longest-serving Republican senator, and let him serve as the President pro tempore, and then he was convicted on seven counts of felony for failing to disclose gifts.

To make matters worse, while many absentee and early ballots have not been counted yet, and you probably won't have a final decision for more than a week, he has a single-digit lead over Democratic challenger Mark Begich.

Alaska, Ted Stevens is a convicted felon, and you're electing him to another term in office.

Now, in case you've forgotten, dear state, felons are not allowed to vote and they surely face expulsion if actually elected to the Senate. With the Democratic majority and three more seats up for grabs for the Democrats, expulsion is not an unlikely result.

Now, I know you just want to be heard finally. I know, we've ignored you for too long, and you're getting your revenge with Sarah Palin and Ted Stevens. But this is really the mature way to go about it?

Sarah Palin helped us more than hurt us. Obama did win the election, after all. Additionally, Ted Stevens is on his way out.

If it makes you feel better, Alaska, we're sorry. We apologize for ignoring you for so long and we promise we'll make an effort to pay more attention to you.

Now, really, it's time to take back Ted and Sarah.

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Entertainment

Of Montreal's Latest Fails to Impress

By RYAN MARR
Assistant Entertainment Editor

An uneasy foreboding dictated my feelings for indie-psych-pop sideshow Of Montreal last June, when Kevin Barnes, the band's creative force and closest thing indie rock has to a mad genius, announced via MySpace blog the release of their new album, "Skeletal Lamping."

"Lamping is the name of a rather dreadful hunting technique where hunters go into the forest at night, flood an area in light, then shoot, or capture, the animals as they panic and run from their hiding places," Barnes explained in his blog. "This album is my attempt at doing this to my proverbial skeletons."

Anyone who's ever leafed through a copy of Rousseau's cringe-inducing "Confessions," or listened to early Bright Eyes records can tell you there's something painfully awkward and annoyingly pretentious about an artist exorcising their personal demons as public spectacle.

Yet on "Skeletal Lamping," Barnes unashamedly embraces the sexually-charged skeletons scrambling from the repressed regions of his psyche with the indulgence of a kid in a candy shop, shoveling unconventional melodies, bouncy bass lines and sexual fantasies into one giant grab bag of an album that is as bizarre as it is humbly.

Musically, "Lamping" is a far cry from the in-

fectiously catchy, syrupy-sweet sing-a-long choruses that have come to define Of Montreal on recent albums as Barnes, engaged in a constant battle to reinvent himself, opts for a scatter-brained musical train wreck of noise, funk, r & b, and techno that never amounts to more than just a pastiche of genres.

These songs are anything but predictable, eschewing the verse/chorus/verse approach of conventional pop tunes for an exhausting array of movements linked by obnoxiously abrupt transitions.

This approach isn't entirely fruitless, however. On the surprisingly melancholic minor-key piano ballad "Touched Something's Hollow" Barnes takes a respite from the madness to moan forlornly, "Why am I so damaged girl? I don't know how long I can hold on/ if it's going to be like this forever."

When a parade of horns triumphantly blasts into the mix several seconds later, the transition is sheer

"did he really just do that?" joy.

These horns kicking off "An Eludarian Instance," could have carried the weight of an entire track on previous albums, but now Barnes, successfully unpredictable, quickly ditches them for strings and an angelic vocal harmony before taking off on a slippery, climbing guitar melody that inevitably crash lands into skittering drum machines and less-than-spectacular bass meandering.

Form follows function here in an attempt, one imagines, to construct the multiple Lyrically, Barnes has crawled out of the loneliness and depression he descended into on last year's stellar "Hissing Fauna Are You the Destroyer?" instead finding solace in the Dionysian orgy depicted in erotic detail on the album's in-finitely-unfolding cover art.

"If I'm gonna create who I am. I don't want to be this shy, meaningless creature that hasn't made a splash in the world," Barnes said in a recent interview with *Paste* magazine. "I want to be something outrageous and fantastic and inspiring and bizarre."

Enter George Fruit: Barnes' androgynous African-American take on Ziggy Stardust responsible for album quotables "We could do it soft-core if you want/ but you should know I take it both ways" and "you're the only one with whom I'd role play Oedipus Rex."

These sketches (not really songs) seem to catch Barnes at the drawing board tossing musical ideas around with the same lyrical abandon he displays towards his own sexual identity.

It is this total abandon for convention, in all of its guises, that ultimately sinks "Skeletal Lamping." In his quest towards self-discovery, Barnes not only discovers the unconventional, often sex-crazed alter egos lurking just under the surface, he hands them the artistic reins to the album.

Not to say that loyal followers of Barnes won't enjoy this schizophrenic onslaught—there are fleeting moments of genius and album closer "Id Engager" is a satisfying single in its own right.

But casual fans will quickly bore of the album's experimentation and have to rely on the hope that now Barnes has lamped out all "his proverbial skeletons," his next effort will have a little more flesh and blood.



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'Mega Man 9' Separates the Men From the Boys

By ELIOT HAGEN
Staff Writer

"Mega Man" is one of the franchises that fizzled before 2000 and has since been represented by a series of substandard to terrible titles.

The general consensus among gamers is that the games started getting stale after "Mega Man X3," the last installment the SNES. The newest adventure starring the Blue Bomber, however, returns to the roots of the series in an unprecedented fashion.

Released exclusively online via WiiWare, Xbox Live, and the Playstation Network, the game disregards technological advancements of the past decade and a half, being made entirely in 8-bit fashion, right down to the occasional sprite flicker.

The gameplay, resembling that of Mega Man 2, (meaning you don't have the slide and charge shot) is just as tight as it was back in the day.

For players who want to enjoy the game with slightly updated gameplay, you can select Proto

Man as your character, who enjoys all of the upgrades seen in the later NES titles.

With eight stages, the multi-stage boss level, and a downloadable extra stage, the game will take plenty of time to complete. This is due not to its length but because of its punishing difficulty.

Yes, Capcom has FULLY returned to its roots. In fact, I'd say that "Mega Man 9" is harder than some of the originals in places.

This game is not for the modern, casual gamer. Unless you were able to beat or almost beat games like "Mega Man 1"

through "Mega Man 6" or titles in the "Contra" series, this game will destroy you.

Even though I played through every single other NES Mega Man game, I still die hundreds of times in "Mega Man 9." My friends and I have reached the conclusion that the designers are all sadists bent on bringing back horrible memories of the original games who made the difficulty of the franchise infamous.

Not to say that the game is bad. By no means. The game is excellent and a wonderful revival of Capcom's mascot. It's just that playing it

leads many to develop masochistic tendencies because no matter how many times you lose, you still have to keep on playing, the reason being that when you DO beat a stage or overcome an insane obstacle, the sense of accomplishment is unparalleled.

For a brief moment the player feels superior and godly, only to have that illusion destroyed a few minutes later.

"Mega Man 9" is packed with loads of extra features, as well. As I mentioned, there's an alternate character that makes a play-through very different and an extra stage.

But in addition to that there's a Time Attack mode, an 'Endless Mode,' and a list of challenges that border on the impossible, one being to beat the entire game without taking damage.

Despite its \$9.99 price tag, (plus \$4.99 for all of the downloadable content and add-ons) this game should not be purchased lightly. It truly separates the men from the boys. You've been warned.

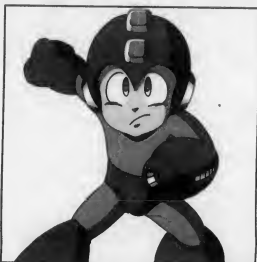


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Entertainment

Invisible Children to Hold Date Auction

By KASEY NABAL
Staff Writer

After my audition for this year's Invisible Children Date Auction, I predict the night will be filled with a character or two.

Dancing, hotties strutting their stuff, and prizes for the bidders including gift certificates to restaurants from around the Fredericksburg area like Buffalo Wild Wings, Noodles & Co., Outback, Tropical Smoothie, etc.

Invisible Children is a charitable organization that raises money to help feed, clothe, and educate African orphans.

Donations are expected because it is a charity event and the Invisible Children will not be charging a fee to the event. A donation must be made—recommended \$1 or more—via cash, check, EagleOne, or credit in order to receive a ticket to the event.

If my audition was any sign of what's in store at this year's date auction this event can't be missed.

After I signed in and received a call number I took a seat. I sat, waited and watched as the lecture hall filled almost to capacity in a rapid amount of time.

The girl who told me to sign in gave told us to line up with our numbers and take pictures. I got in line, had my picture taken and sat down to await the silliness to come.

Once photographs were taken and everyone was seated the girl introduced herself as Katherine Knopf, vice president of the Invisible Children at UMW.

"You'll be bid on. Walk off stage and into the sunset. And by that I mean you'll walk off stage and be paid for," joked Knopf who assured participants that the date auction was not prostitution "because I'm not making money off of you."

Those of us in the seats were then asked to bring down our self-written bios to be read aloud by Knopf while we stood on stage and did a little dance. After our bios were read—some of them being quite scandalous, outrageous and fairly entertaining—were asked one question.

For example, "What celebrity would you want to be your mother and why?" or "If you were stranded on a deserted island what one thing would you bring?"

Answers to these questions and more will be found at UMW's Second Annual Date Auction. The highest bid last year was for \$195. So bring your friends and and don't forget your wallets.

**Come to the Great
Hall Sunday at 7 p.m.
to catch the Date Auction
for yourself**



Image courtesy of Invisible Children

A Look at the American Presidency in Videogames

By ANDREW HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Now that the long drawn-out Presidential campaign has come to a close, Americans everywhere should be happy that they live in a thriving democratic society where we're allowed to choose those who chart the path our nation will take or, at the very least, we'll be able to watch TV without Barack Obama or John McCain telling us what to think.

As gamers, we're not entirely isolated from the presidency. Thus, in celebration of this presidential election, let's look at five memorable instances of a real American President showing up in a video game.

"NBA Jam" – Bill Clinton

President Bill Clinton has received credit for many things, such as the prolonged economic

growth of the 1990s, balancing the U.S. Federal budget, and, thanks to this game, being able to slam-dunk a basketball that's on fire from the other side of the court. You had to enter a cheat code to unlock him, but the satisfaction of schooling a friend as the 42nd President is ever so sweet. Besides, it's far from the worst thing to happen involving Bill Clinton and cheating.

"Sam & Max: Abe Lincoln Must Die" – Abe Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln is one of the most respected and idolized figures in American history, so when an evil conspiracy set on controlling the world needed a figure to work for them, who better to choose than the 16th President himself?

Or, since Abe Lincoln died in 1865, how about the statue of Abe Lincoln from the Lincoln Memorial, come to life? So, to protect America, you have

to run against him and ensure his defeat, instead resulting in the election of a hyperactive, insane, homicidal rabbit who eventually sells the United States to Canada.

"JFK Reloaded" – John F. Kennedy

Unlike the other games here, where the intent is humorous, JFK Reloaded is a serious game in which you recreate the assassination of JFK. The JFK assassination has given birth to a multitude of conspiracy theories all based on the idea that one lone man in a warehouse couldn't have possibly done that on his own. This game demonstrates, quite powerfully, that yes, it was very possible.

"Mercenaries 2" – Barack Obama & Sarah Palin

This one has yet to happen, but already deserves mention due to how amazing an idea this is. An upcoming update to "Mercenaries 2," a GTA-style

game in which you play as a mercenary taking down a Venezuelan dictator, will add Barack Obama and Sarah Palin as playable characters, giving you a chance to hunt something a bit more interesting than a moose or deliver to Venezuela the change it needs. And by change I mean cluster bombs.

"Bad Dudes vs. Dragon Ninja" – Ronald Reagan

"Bad Dudes" is a great beat-em-up from the late 80's which has gained infamy for its hilarious intro screen. On it, a man with a military haircut tells you "The president has been kidnapped by ninjas. Are you a bad enough dude to rescue the president?" So as a tank-top wearing bad dude you fight your ways through wave after wave of ninjas in order to rescue President Reagan, who thanks you by taking you out for burgers. Seriously.

'Fallout 3' Lives Up to the Immense Hype

By ELIOT HAGEN
Staff Writer

It's been a little over a decade since we first popped "Fallout 2," one of the greatest role-playing games of all time, into our CD drives and once again enjoyed several hundred hours in post-apocalyptic USA, so the newest installment had to meet some incredibly high expectations. When Bethesda Softworks, makers of the critically acclaimed "Elder Scrolls" series, acquired the rights to "Fallout 3," the gaming community was poised in anticipation.

As a lover of the original games and one whose life was swallowed up by the incredibly immersive "Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion," I was confident that "Fallout 3" would satisfy and even exceed my expectations. Fortunately, I was right.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Fallout series, it takes place after the two-hour Great War (World War III) that occurred on October 23rd, 2077. On that day, the superpowers attacked each other, resulting in a nuclear holocaust that all but destroyed the Earth. The 1950s style seen in the games stems from the 'World of Tomorrow' aesthetic, with the 2077 world be built as people in the 1950s would have predicted it. This unique timeframe presents us with a world that is unmistakably ours, yet strangely foreign. As for the direct timeline, "Fallout 3" takes place in 2277, 30 years after the events of "Fallout 2."

The game begins with your character being born in Vault 101, and through a se-

ries of brief vignettes taking place at different times in your life, you gradually build your character by distributing points between your attributes and allocating skill points while being coached in the basic gameplay elements. The real game begins once you leave the Vault at age 19.

Ron Perlman returns as the voice of the narrator, beginning the game with the immortal line, "War... war never changes..." and, in addition to Liam Neeson as your Father, Malcolm McDowell lends his talents as the voice of the President. Harold the Mutant plays a part in the storyline once again, and you'll also come across Dogmeat, presumed to be the descendant of the original canine companion found in "Fallout 1." There are, however, far fewer pop culture references than in "Fallout 2," though

this does little to detract from the gaming experience. "Fallout 3" is unlike any game you've ever played, reviving the original series with splendid form and fusing it with gameplay aspects seen in "Oblivion." However, it's not simply "Oblivion with guns" as so many cynics and skeptics have labeled it.

Neither is it a first-person shooter. It is role-playing at its finest and purest. The perspective is the only thing that might make one think that it's a first-person shooter.

In addition to the real-time combat option, veterans of the series will prefer the strategic turn-based option known as the 'Vault Assisted Targeting System,' or 'V.A.T.S.' This, as in the originals, uses Action Points to queue up actions and allows the player to target specific body parts.

This is where some fundamental differences come out. In the original games, you needed Action Points to move or to access your inventory. This made the combat slow and procedural. In "Fallout 3," however, you only expend action points when you go into V.A.T.S. In addition to allowing you to target the head or the limbs to either deal major damage or cripple your opponent,

each time you use V.A.T.S. the game switches to a dynamic camera that moves around cinematically and organically so that no animation is the same. Trust me—it never gets old.

Another major aspect of the game is the choice and karma system, which is just as dynamic as in previous titles. The choices you make determine the storyline, your reputation, the reactions of those around you, the dialogue, the quests you can take, and the prices in stores. Unlike some other games that only give the illusion of choice or divide choice into terms of black and white, "Fallout 3," and, in fact, the entire series thrives on making it so the entire course of the game can be changed by the slightest action.

"Fallout 3" is an example of how games should be made. With hundreds of hours of sterling gameplay, a massive game world with varied environments that never get repetitive, a changing storyline with multiple endings, and a well-written script, you can't go wrong. There's the occasional graphical glitch, yes, but they only seem like major issues because everything else in the game shines in excellence. As for the addictive nature of it... be prepared to free up plenty of time and lose a few hours of sleep if you start playing this.



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Features

Clubs Watch, Wait, React

Two campus clubs gather in anticipation for the historic '08 election results

By COURTNEY IRVINE
Staff Writer

An estimated crowd of 200 broke the quiet of campus around 11 p.m. Tuesday. After Obama's victory was announced, the UMW Young Democrats hit the streets in celebration.

"We went out in to the courtyard outside of the apartments before Obama gave his acceptance speech. Then we decided to run to campus," said Young Democrats treasurer and junior Matthew Guckenberg.

By the time the crowd made it to campus, their group of 10-15 people had grown to 60. The parade continued to grow in numbers as they ran across campus with people who left their dormitories to join in and show their support for the President-Elect.

When the group congregated around the fountain, the crowd stretched all the way to the Eagle's Nest.

This impromptu excursion marked the end of a historic election night that both the UMW Young Democrats and the UMW College Republicans had been following all night, and anticipating for months.

On 9 p.m. Tuesday night, the UMW College Republicans (CR) gathered near the bar, watching the results at a GOP rally in a private room upstairs at Brock's in downtown Fredericksburg.

Many area party members of all ages joined them. The well-dressed crowd stood around in small groups, drinking wine and imports in an increasingly tense atmosphere as the results were returned.

13 percent of the exit polls were reported. News anchors projected McCain as slightly ahead in the Virginia race.

As the numbers began to sway out of the Republican favor, the students remained poised.

CR President and junior Kelly McCain (no relation) admitted that they were "nervous."

"This election means so much to us, most of us are political science majors; so the outcome of this race could mean that some of us will have to find alternate career plans," she said.

With every passing minute, new numbers projected a different winner in the "battleground" states like Virginia, Florida and Iowa.

A walk through campus Tuesday suggested that UMW had leaned in Obama's direction, but CR member Joe Cirenza expressed his frustration at the "frivolous" amount of visibility from the opposing side.



Courtesy of Justine Rothbert

The UMW Young Democrats celebrated President-Elect Barack Obama's win by running across campus. The group attracted over 200 students who joined the mass parade. Obama took Virginia, GOP-swaying since 1964, by 155,862 votes.

"The Obama campaign has so much more funding," he said. "There was just no way that we could catch up."

If the campaign had been bad for party morale, the UMW College Republicans refused to let it ruin their evening. As the Virginia numbers continued to flip-flop between candidates, McCain remarked on her experience as a first-time voter in a presidential election.

"I have no regrets," McCain said. "This was a real grassroots movement and I'm glad just to have experienced it."

By 10 p.m. in the UMW Apartments, the UMW Young Democrats (YD) met in a very different atmosphere. They sat crammed on couches like sardines around tables covered with chips and soda.

The room teemed with excitement; almost every announcement made by the news anchors was met with claps and cheers.

"We're very excited," exclaimed YD members Jacki Evans and Justine Rothbert, sophomore. "I think we're going to win."

More polling places were reported, and Virginia was tied 50-50.

With 30 or more students crammed in the campus apartment in front of the television screen, the Obama campaign seemed to effortlessly garner the support of a 18-24 year old demographic that was classically hard to motivate.

"This campaign is my life. It's everything," said senior Mik Bodnar, Young Democrats vice president.

YD Member senior Conor Marshall reiterated the statement. "This is what we do," Marshall said.

As more and more numbers were broadcasted, swinging the election in the democratic favor, the Young Democrats vocally dismissed those who ever doubted that young voters would show up to the polls.

"We were just waiting for the right candidate, someone who speaks to us and understands our specific concerns," Bodnar said, though he admitted such doubt has haunted the youth vote in past elections.

Bodnar explained that 21 percent of voters in Virginia were aged 18-29, a statistic he felt everyone was proud of.

Suddenly, the room erupted in screams and claps. Obama had won Virginia. When the dust finally settled the mood in the room is overtly optimistic as they settle in to watch the rest of the numbers come in and await the final results.

So which party threw the better party? While the Young Democrats had more to celebrate, the College Republicans must be commended for their poise through defeat. Both groups worked tirelessly for their respective parties since the early summer in support of their campaign, proving that politics was more than just a party.

"We went out into the courtyard outside of the apartments before Obama gave his acceptance speech. Then we decided to run through campus."

—Matthew Guckenberg



Brittany DeVries Bulletin

UMW College Republicans seniors Ben Miller and Elizabeth Jennings, with senior Kristin Pytko, attended Brock's Republican Rally Tuesday night to watch the election results. Brock's held a McCain-supporting rally for the entire community.

Want to get involved?

UMW Young Democrats meet in Combs 237 every Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

College Republicans meet in Virginia Hall Parlor every Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

At the Bookstore:

After a two-month hold, Obama/Biden Rally t-shirts are finally on sale.



Sadie Hagberg/Bullet

Sophomore Sarah Teachey led a brave group in a Seance for the UMW Ghost Walk. Hosted by the Historic Preservation Club, the tour is in its 24th year.

Students Lead Ghost Séance

By **SADIE HAGBERG**
Staff Writer

Rumor has it the ghost of Colonel Fielding Lewis haunts the Historic Kenmore House, and Sarah Teachey, a University of Mary Washington sophomore, led a group of brave souls in a séance to call his spirit as part of the Historic Preservation Department Ghost Walk.

"The best thing is people's reactions when they really get into it," Teachey said.

She said that people like to believe that it is real and actually get frightened as Fielding Lewis walks out.

This year was the 24th annual Ghost Walk tour around Fredericksburg.

"[It is] intended to be an entertaining mixture of architecture, history, folklore, and humor," Historic Preservation

Club advisor and Professor Doug Sanford said. "People get to hear and see something of the town's past, learning about local and national events, landmarks, and in some cases, famous people."

Tours were given Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1, leaving every 10 minutes from Market Square, on the corner of Princess Anne Street and William Street.

Tickets were \$4 for UMW students, with all proceeds going to the Historic Preservation Club.

The funds raised during the Ghost Walk each year are used for other Historic Preservation Club events like the Victorian Ball and the Spring semester trip.

"They raise a few thousand dollars each year," Sanford said.

Rebekah Wood, director of architectural restoration at the Historic Kenmore House helped with the production at the sight of Fielding Lewis' home, turning on and off lights inside the home as the tour groups stop by and participate in the séance.

"This is great project for the Historic Preservation Club," she said.

The hour-long tour stops at about a dozen other sites including the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, Masonic Cemetery, and the home of Mary Washington.

Hillary Gätlin, Michelle Swagler, and Rebecca Pomerantz were the three co-chairs for this year's event. Pomerantz, the publicity chair, said that the event requires a lot of planning.

"We have to make sure we have actors, tour guides, helpers, and many

more people being actively involved in the event in order for it to take place," Pomerantz said.

Teachey decided to become an actor in the Ghost Walk after reading about it in the OSACS weekly e-mail.

"I thought it would be a great way to get involved," she said.

Sanford said the Ghost Walk is primarily a student-run and staffed event, and that the Historic Preservation Club is very self-sufficient.

"We have to make sure each site and property we use will give us permissions to hold them event there," Pomerantz said. "I've been an actor for Ghost Walk for the past two years and I thought it would be fun to be behind the scenes this year."

Senior Leighton Scott helped with the event by following the tours, making

sure no one gets separated from their group or gets lost.

"I've been surprised how much people get into it," Scott said.

One of her favorite stops is the Willis House where two drunken cooks tell the story of how they burned down their master's house.

"They are over to top and get everyone involved," Scott said. "It's nice. The more the actors are into it, the more the people get into it, and that makes it more fun for everyone."

Pomerantz said that her favorite part of the Ghost Walk was watching all the preparation come together.

"Seeing the tour groups have fun and watching the actors get really involved and enjoying them. It's such a fun event, so I just want everyone to enjoy themselves," she said.

Fit is Phat for UMW

By **STACY KESER**
Staff Writer

Sophomore Erin Cox is a long-distance runner; she runs for herself and no one else. She has proven how far she can push herself, whether it is running on her own, or running in half marathons.

"There weren't any rewards, my name wasn't in the paper, I wasn't qualifying for anything important—I did it because I wanted to see if I could," Cox said.

Cox ran two half marathons in Cleveland, Ohio when she was 16 and 18 years old. A half marathon is about 21,097.5 meters, or about 13.1 miles.

This is a very challenging race, but Erin explained that it is an escape from her everyday life; for her, running is her time to put her life in perspective.

"What motivates me is personal. I don't run for anyone but myself," Cox said.

Senior Mae Winchester is on the UMW track team, and absolutely loves it.

"Exercising is just part of my lifestyle," Winchester said. "Track has been a part of my life for eight years and I think I'd go crazy without it."

Cross Country and Track & Field Coach David Soper said he gets a lot out of coaching and enjoys working with the student athletes.

"I enjoy the weekly competitions that generally reflect the training and work that went into preparing," Soper said.

There are other rewards, such as inspiring student athletes, according to Soper.



Stacy Keser/Bullet

"I have been amazed on occasions when I see how much improvement some have made from year to year," Soper said. "It is all due to their attitude, dedication and desire to be the best they can be."

For some students, it is about maintaining stability in their lives and having control.

Sophomore Sean Herlihy discussed his main reasons for exercising.

"My main purpose for exercising is to better my health and keep a regimented lifestyle for myself," Herlihy said. "Having some type of sports activity helps to keep my life in order."

Exercising does not just involve running and lifting, there are other unique ways of staying fit.

Sophomore Danielle Purpura is a student who got involved with Bikram Yoga. At first, she thought it sounded crazy when a friend suggested it to her, but soon fell in love with it.

Bikram Yoga, or Hot Yoga, is a series of yoga poses done in a heated room, which is usually maintained at a temperature of 105 degrees.

The heated studio facilitates deeper stretching, prevents injury, relieves tension, and detoxifies the body.

"It's basically what people call 'hot yoga' because of the ideal environment," Purpura said. "After I come out of my yoga class, I always feel stronger."

Associate Professor of English Steven Watkins also practices yoga, saying it challenges strength, flexibility, and focus.

"Staying healthy is important so I can be a good and active father to my children," he said.

Watkins leads a yoga class for the crew team once a week.

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

By **BRITTANY De VRIES**
Features Editor

"We fought as hard as we could, and though we fell short, the failure is mine, not yours," said a humble Senator John McCain in his Nov. 4 presidential concession speech.

As I listened to McCain's supporters in Phoenix boo the humility of the senator's modest speech—in which he recoiled his candidacy in recognition of the recent President-Elect Barack Obama, as I listened to the crowd begin chanting "USA, USA" as if to ease the harsh resonance of McCain's honest words, I have never felt so moved.

More so, I have never felt more patriotic, or more motivated, for a change that is not simply a great, booming slogan or spoken word, but an active movement in the right direction.

McCain spoke to his supporters of a hope to bridge the USA, to "move beyond the disappointment and get our country moving again."



Readers are Sold on 'Sold'



By **STACY KESER**
Staff Writer

In one of the most devastating scenes in "Sold," a novel about forced prostitution in Asia, the protagonist, Lakshmi, does calculations to figure out how many men she must sleep with in order to buy her freedom from the brothel where she's been held prisoner in India and return to her village in Nepal.

But then one of her friends, another prostitute, explains that the madam, Mumtaz, will never let that happen.

"I do the calculations. And realize that I am already buried alive."

The scene is all the more chilling because "Sold," by Patricia McCormick, is based on a true story. That story begins with Lakshmi growing up with her family in a small village in Nepal.

Lakshmi is an innocent 13-year-old girl who is thrown into a world of sexual slavery, into a world where men see

her only as an object; they pay for what they believe she is worth. The only thing getting her through this harsh reality is the friendships she forms with the other girls.

I found this book to be touching and inspirational. It is one thing to hear statistics regarding human trafficking on the media or read articles about it, but to read this young girl's personal story allowed me to connect with this issue on a whole new level. The devastating part is that her story is just lived by thousands of girls and women sold into modern day slavery who are forced into sexual exploitation and prostitution.

These victims are lured into these situations by false promises and it's very difficult to pay off the debts since the smugglers take a large percentage of what the prostitutes earn.

Lakshmi wishes desperately to return to her family. At first she is terrified

of the men; she despises they way they look at her and touch her. She is miserable. But at the same time she is aware she must sleep with as many as she can in order to pay off her debts.

It is hard to relate to her character on one level because her situation seems so unreal. At the same time I found I could relate to her because everyone has had those times in their life when all hell breaks loose and everything that can go wrong does.

But then you realize you will do what you need to do to get through. Through the friendships Lakshmi forms with the other prostitutes, she gains some stability and comfort in her new life which gives her hope again.

This book is inspiring because it shows as long as you don't give up on yourself—no matter how rough things are—then you just might be okay in the end.

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News



On Oct. 30 Dining Services hosted the annual pumpkin carving contest. First place was Kathleen Watson (above). Second place was Emily Potosky. Third place was Caroline Wood.

Experts Say First 100 Days Crucial for Obama

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was tangible. You could feel it when you were out there talking to people."

Political Science Assistant Professor Rosalyn Cooperman suggested that the current budget deficit could pose a problem for Obama.

"I think President-elect Obama will face significant challenges in getting some of his campaign promises, such as health care reform, enacted into law because of the fact that we presently have a record budget deficit which makes it so much more difficult to fund all of the good ideas candidates champion on the campaign trail," she said. "The money is just not going to be there to pay for a lot of big ticket policy items and Democrats should be reluctant to add to the already staggering budget deficit to pay for policies."

Democrats in both the Senate and the House made gains, giving Congress a larger Democratic majority: 51-49 in the Senate and 235-199 with one vacancy in the House.

Although having the same party in control of the executive and legislative branches is considered an advantage for presidents, it is not guaranteed that Congress will support all of Obama's policies.

According to political science professor Emile Lester, there is still some divide between Democrats in Congress.

"There are differences on cultural issues, and the Southern Democrats may be more conservative," he said.

Both Cooperman and Cross pointed to President Bill Clinton's failure to utilize his party advantage after his election in 1996. Obama's first 100 days in office, often called the presidential "honeymoon period," will be crucial in determining how successful he will be

in having legislation passed.

"Presidents always try to use the honeymoon period to their advantage to make progress on their legislative goals and get Congress to pass items popular with the American public," Cooperman said. "Some do a better job than others in taking advantage of the honeymoon period."

However, economic and foreign policy problems, including the war in Iraq, could also help Obama win bipartisan support.

"I think there's a widespread agreement between Democrats and Republicans that there are massive problems that need to be dealt with," Cross said. "My assumption would be that [Obama] will be given an opportunity to make large changes in economic policy."

Turnout for the election was high for the United States and the highest it has been since 1908. National turnout of the voting age population was 64 percent, nine percent higher than turn out for the 2004 elections. In Virginia, 70 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls.

"Mobilization efforts were phenomenal, and I think that Obama had an appeal to youth voters that interacted with that," said Associate Professor of Sociology Kristin Marsh. "There's a real demoralized sense in the country, and I have to say that I think the Obama campaign really made sure that anybody who had any inkling to get to the polls was going to get there."

Turnout for young and minority voters, core Obama supporters, was particularly high.

"Obama wasn't holding anything back. He was making sure people were out there," Cross said. "People want to be engaged. If you have a leader who

can galvanize that, then you're going to have a powerful person."

Obama, an African American, is the first non-white elected to the country's highest office. He emphasized diversity as an important part of democracy during his campaigning.

Lester cited the example of his wife, who was born in China and came to the U.S. as child, as one of the many citizens inspired by Obama's victory.

"It seemed like the feeling my wife got was one of inclusion. She felt a little bit more included in America. She felt a little bit more like a full citizen," he said. "I would imagine a number of folks would share that feeling."

Marsh said that the implications of Obama's election are large, but could be overstated.

"Certainly it's a huge step in the right direction, certainly it means we have come a long way, but the danger is assuming that it means race doesn't matter," she said.

Obama's inauguration will be January 20th of next year, but the decisions he begins making in the next 76 days will have an influence on the start of his presidency.

"From what I'm hearing, it sounds like Obama is going to be really careful about who he puts on his team," Marsh said.

Cross said Obama has the potential for an influential presidency if he manages to obtain bipartisan support and continues to keep citizens as engaged as he has during his campaign.

"We've got a world community that is eager to work with Barack Obama as the president," he said. "Obama has the ability to reach out and bring people in, and I think that's going to be crucial."

First-time Voting for Majority of UMW Students

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Jennings said her cousin had asked her what the three most important issues were for her for the next four years.

"I answered that they were the economy, the war, and my future job," she said.

Senior Kristin Astley was also exhilarated about her first presidential vote.

"Oh my god, I wanted to piss my pants," Astley said. "It's really exciting to be able to voice your opinion and make a difference."

Astley, a Massachusetts resident, said she reregistered to vote in Virginia and went to the New Walker Grant Middle School on Cowan Boulevard to cast her ballot at 5 p.m.

She said this year was very different from elections in the past.

"A lot of young people are getting out today," Astley said. "The hip hop community, black people, minorities, and celebrities are really pushing this election. We all know the results are going to have a huge influence on our futures."

Many students were happy to hear that many businesses, including Starbucks, Chik-Fil-A, Krispy Kreme, and Ben & Jerry's, were handing out free food and coffee in support of Election Day.

"Chik-Fil-A was a mob scene," Astley said.

Kelly McCain said that the College Republicans were out at the polls in Fredericksburg, Stafford, and Spotsylvania all day Tuesday to motivate people in line.

"We had club members at ten different precincts," McCain said. "UMW students all seem to be extremely involved in some way, shape, or form for this election."

Young Democrats and junior Natalie Weiner said that the registrar in Virginia recently passed a law permitting students to register to vote on campus.

"They decided that students can register with their campus address, because students live here [for] the majority of the year," Weiner said.

Guckenberg was most impressed by the political movement young voters created in their hard work preceding and during Nov. 4.

"The last time it had happened this way was back in the 60s," Guckenberg said. "It's a cool movement to be a part of."


Republican supporter Elizabeth Jennings said the election result "was disheartening."

"I am trying to see the silver lining," Jennings said. "I hope Obama does what he promises to do, and that he wins the war on terror. No matter what, we are all in this together, and you don't fight against the cause."



Courtesy of Justine Rothbart

Between 150 and 200 students celebrated on Campus Walk after Obama's election on Tuesday night.



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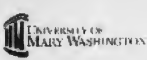
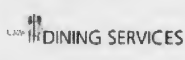
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Look What's Up In Campus Dining!

Thanks for your comments!

Thank you for taking the time to share your suggestions with us through our dining hall comment cards and on-line forms. You can be certain that we carefully consider every suggestion that we receive. Please let us know (and provide your contact information) if you want a personal response to your comments, and we will be sure to get in touch with you. Submitted comment cards are posted on our comment boards in the Nest and at Seacobeck. We hope you'll take a few minutes to review them on your next visit to campus dining! The following are a few of the comments we recently received, along with our responses.

We heard from you:

- Put Bleu Cheese Dressing on the Salad Bars
- Let us serve ourselves the chicken wings and nuggets
- We love gyros, lasagna, and spaghetti! Have them often!

In response, we said:

- We have now included Bleu Cheese Salad Dressing in our regular salad dressing rotation! Please enjoy!
- Many guests loaded their plates with wings and nuggets and then found they couldn't eat as much as they had taken. Excessive amounts of wings and nuggets were being sent to our dish line. As a result, we are now serving these items in order to help prevent this terrible waste, but you can always come back for more! Seacobeck continues to offer an "all you care to eat" buffet.
- The gyros are part of our Mediterranean menu in the South Market, which alternates with Southwestern and New Mexican cuisine. You'll continue to see the gyros quite frequently as part of this regular menu program. The lasagna was a special feature of our Festa Italiana, but we'll look for other opportunities to offer this great dish. Watch for the spaghetti in the Bistro soon!

Have you got questions or comments? Let us hear from you!

Our managers are available every day in the dining halls, you can fill out comment cards, or you can send us an e-mail at dining@umw.edu.

We're Proud Of Our Campus Dining Team! Working to Make Every Day A Better Day!



Charlie McMillan
Utility Staff

"Miss Charlie" began working for campus dining services as a high school student back in 1965, when the University of Mary Washington (then called Mary Washington College) was an all-girl school. Every day after school for three years, Charlie would come to Seacobeck Hall and work on the dish line. After she graduated, Miss Charlie began working for the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C., where she processed patent applications.

In 1999, after 22 years at the patent office, Miss Charlie retired and came back to work for campus dining services as a member of our utility staff. She says she loves her job, especially working on the dish line, because there is no mental stress!

Miss Charlie spends her free time with her family (which includes two great-grandchildren!), her church, watching television, and traveling. During summer breaks she loves to travel and especially enjoys taking trips with various tour groups. Miss Charlie has taken cross-country trips all over the United States, and also visited Mexico and the Bahamas.

Thanks, Miss Charlie for your many years of wonderful service to our campus dining community!

Sports



UMW Equestrians Retain First Place

By GINNY BOYKO
Staff Writer

The Eagles' equestrian team maintains their first place status for their zone after coming in a close second in their third horse show. The show took place this past Sunday at the College of William and Mary. The final scores left Goucher College of Baltimore, Md. with 39 points and University of Mary Washington with 35 points.

The Eagles won their first two horse shows and now have a 13-point overall lead in the regional standings. UMstands at 122 points, with Goucher College behind at 109.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association is a type of event that hosts nine to 11 different levels of riding. They range from walk-trot equitation to open equitation over fences.

The tricky part about this style of riding is that the judge takes in to account only the rider's equitation. This means that instead of the judge rating how well your horse moves, he will evaluate how well the rider can hold their physical position while on the horse.

The desired position is one of a straight and steady, arched back, the heel pointed in a downward direction with the leg slightly bent at the knee, the hands held out in front, above the mane with the thumbs pointing up. A basic rule is that if one can draw a perfectly straight line from the

rider's shoulders to their hip to their heels, then the rider is holding a good position.

A disadvantage that riders have entering events is that they do not get to ride the horses they will be showing before the actual event. They merely get on the horse right before their class and have to rely on their own skill to help them win.

"Technically the horse you get doesn't matter," said senior Kelsey Teeters. "You're supposed to be judged on how well has a rider you adapt to the horse."

At William and Mary this weekend Jessica

Van Brocklin placed first in open flat, as did Emilia Sanchez in novice flat A, Shannon Brown in novice flat B, Rebecca Presor in advanced walk-trot-canter and Kelsey Teeters in walk-trot. Maggie Wroe was second in intermediate flat and Samantha Rizzi finished third in intermediate flat.

There was some controversy in the scoring of the show last weekend. In one of the later divisions, rival colleges received the top placements to

the befuddlement of many bystanders, the UMW coach and riders, as well as opposing colleges' coaches.

Equestrian coach Beth Boteler, said after the placements for the division had been announced, a few other coaches approached her and expressed their surprise that the UMW rider had not placed first or even second.

Boteler believes that her rider should have won

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*We've beaten them twice
and we can go out and do
it again.*

—Senior Kelsey Teeters

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Ginny Boyko-Bullet

Senior Jessica VanBrocklin helped the Eagles retain first place with a strong showing in the IHSA competition at the College of William and Mary this past Sunday.

the class or at the least placed high. She said that the rider rode great and had a fantastic position, and expressed confusion as to why the judge did not place her accordingly.

There are 16 colleges in Mary Washington's regional zone and as of now it appears that Goucher and UMW are going to be the toughest

competitors to beat.

"They've been on our heels," said Teeters, but "we've beaten them twice and we can go out and do it again."

The riding team's next IHSA show will be held on Nov. 9 at the University of Richmond.

Devar and Sullivan Crush Competition

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dominant team and that we lost on a fluke. The women's team performed well overall, but it was unfortunate that we had a few injuries of our varsity runners mid-race," Crowell said.

"If our whole team had been healthy during the race, there's no question that we would have won, hadn't been for factors out of our control."

Rounding out UMW's list of accolades from the 'day was Mary Washington's cross country coach Stan Soper who received the 2008 CAC Women's Coach of the Year award.

Along with the teams, Soper felt unsatisfied with Saturday's results.

I was expecting two very close championships, and was hoping that we would come out on top. Obviously it did not turn out that way. Though we had some great individual efforts from several of the men, the men's team did not perform up to their expectations, so now we have to learn from this and move on," Soper said. "I thought the

women's team had a very strong effort, but when one of our top runners suffered some severe cramping, the title slipped away."

Going ahead from the weekend of double second place wins, the men's and women's team look forward to the NCAA South/Southeast Championships two weeks from now in Seguin, Texas.

"CAC's was an incredible shock for us. We did not run to our fitness as a team. It was disappointing," Newcomb said. "Our focus is to put CAC's behind us and go into regionals focusing on our original goal... Two teams from the region make it to the Big Dance [Nationals]. We want to be one of those teams, and we know we very well can."

"The race in Texas will be our opportunity to prove to ourselves what we are really capable, and ready to do as a team. What happened at CAC's does not define us. Runners have good days and bad days. We know we are stronger than that, and more aggressive than that. Look out for us to come storming back next Saturday."



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Congratulations
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Sports

MOTHERS TAKE STATES

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

Take a look at the record of the University of Mary Washington men's rugby team and you might think something is missing. If you thought the "Mothers" miscounted and forgot to include their losses, you'd be wrong. The men's rugby team finished with undefeated record of 7-0-1 and one. Seven wins, no losses, one tie and one state title.

"It's unbelievable," junior Kyle Hoffman said. "No one [Mary Washington team] has gone undefeated in the last 20 years if I remember correctly."

After dominating wins over William and Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University and Old Dominion University, confidence was at an all time high.

With a 5-0 record and one game left in the season, the Mothers' knew what was coming up next. The last match of the season, homecoming against Virginia Military Institute, was sure to be the toughest game of the year.

"[VMI] was the only team that could compete with us physically," senior Andrew Smoker said. "We were clearly the better rugby team but their scrums were the best we had seen all season."

At the end of the afternoon, neither team had come up short but neither had won; VMI had spoiled Mary Washington homecoming with a 20-20 tie.

It wasn't long before the Mothers had their chance at revenge and this time it meant more than some regular-season, homecoming game.

After beating Virginia Commonwealth University on Saturday, for the second time in the season, the Mothers were in Sunday's finals of the state tournament: The Ed and Sandy Lee Cup. And as if fate had led them there, VMI had also made their way through to the finals.

After eighty minutes of hard play, the teams once again were

knotted up at the end of regulation. However, because it wasn't a regular season the teams were pitted against each other in overtime, another two ten-minute halves. In the first half of overtime, after a blocked VMI kick, the ball rolled into the try-zone and was recovered by Hoffman to put the Mothers on top.

Unfortunately, VMI came back in the second half and once again were able to tie up the game, this time at 21. After both halves of



Emily McAlpine/Bullet

Kyle Volles (above) runs towards a pack of VMI players during the homecoming game that ended in a tie. Danta Moore (left) steamrolls through a VMI defender on his way to a big gain. The Mothers took the state title for the first time since 2005 when they beat VMI in double overtime.

Virginia state title since the 2005 season.

"We weren't sure about VMI going in [to homecoming]," Hoffman said. "But after we tied them, we knew we could beat them."

For coach Andrew "Red" Jones, this was his second state title. Jones was on the 2005 team that won the state title for Mary Washington for the first time in 15 years. Now, as a coach, the win means just as much.

"It felt incredible," Jones said. "It made me feel like I had made a difference and that I was able to give something back to the program that gave me so much as a player."

This year the team had something to prove after not making the state tournament in the 2007 season.

What was the difference this year? Depth.

"We had a lot of number this year, more depth," Jones said. "This year we had about 45 guys when last year we only had 20-25."

For now the team will get some much deserved time off, but will continue to train and gear up for Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union tournament.

As for next year, the Mothers graduate seniors that currently start in impact positions, such as Baker Pruikma at eight man, Volles at scrumhalf and Smoker at tight-head prop. But Hoffman isn't worried about next year.

"We're graduating a couple guys," Hoffman said. "But we've had a lot of younger guys get into the games so I think we're going to be even better [next year]."

Whether Jones will be there to guide the team is up in the air but if and when he returns, he expects greatness.

"If I'm around, [I expect] nothing short of a national title."

overtime, still tied up, the game went into sudden death.

In the end, it was a penalty kick by senior Kyle Volles that put away the game for Mary Washington. The Mothers are celebrating their first

Cross Country Places Second In CAC Finals

By ANDREW KADA
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington hosted the 2008 Capital Athletic Conference Championship at Indian Acres in Thornburg, VA, on Saturday.

The Indian Acres race course was plagued with hills, long and short as well as many dangerous areas that tested each of its challengers. According to senior captain JT Newcomb, Saturday's course was an extremely difficult one.

"The course was hard, one of the hardest we've race this season... maybe ever," Newcomb said. "I know I hurt for a couple days after the race because of the course, but I'm sure they're saying the same thing from Salisbury to York."

Even with the treacherous course, UMW walked away with both the men's and women's overall individual wins. Junior Frank DeVar won the overall men's race with a time of 26:34 in the 8K(5 mile) race, a full 42 seconds beyond the next runner.

On the women's side, Hayley Sullivan dominated her 6K competitors with a time of 22:53, a minute and 23 seconds in front of the next contender. Both eagles were honored with the 2008 CAC Runner of the Year Awards.

As for the overall team performances, both teams came in 2nd to Salisbury University. The

Salisbury men finished first with 22 points, followed by the UMW Eagles with second at 38 points. Third place was York College with 75 points, followed by Hood, Marymount, and Wesley.

Individual All-CAC team performances included Brian Fulton (5th place; 27:45), Jason Driscoll (9th; 28:18), Jake Pattysoun (10th; 28:19), and Justin Mullen (13th; 28:35). With a 13th place finish Justin Mullen was rewarded with the 2008 CAC Men's Rookie of the Year award.

For the women's race, the Eagles saw a narrow loss to Salisbury who finished 1st with 33 points, closely followed by UMW scoring 35 points. York was third with 93, followed by Hood, Stevenson, Marymount, and Wesley.

In addition to Sullivan's overall win, she was joined by a pack of her All-CAC teammates. Sarah Dawes (4th; 24:21), Kira Runkle (8th; 24:46), Nina Pfeiffer (10th; 25:04), Michaela Sands (12th; 25:14), Madelyn Crowell (14th; 25:39), and Mara Cate (15th; 25:43).

The UMW women's narrow fall to Salisbury was a difficult loss says All-CAC sophomore runner Madelyn Crowell.

"We both know that Mary Washington is the



Courtesy Clint Olsen

Seniors Frank DeVar and Hayley Sullivan both finished in first place in their respective events earning them CAC Player of the Week honors.